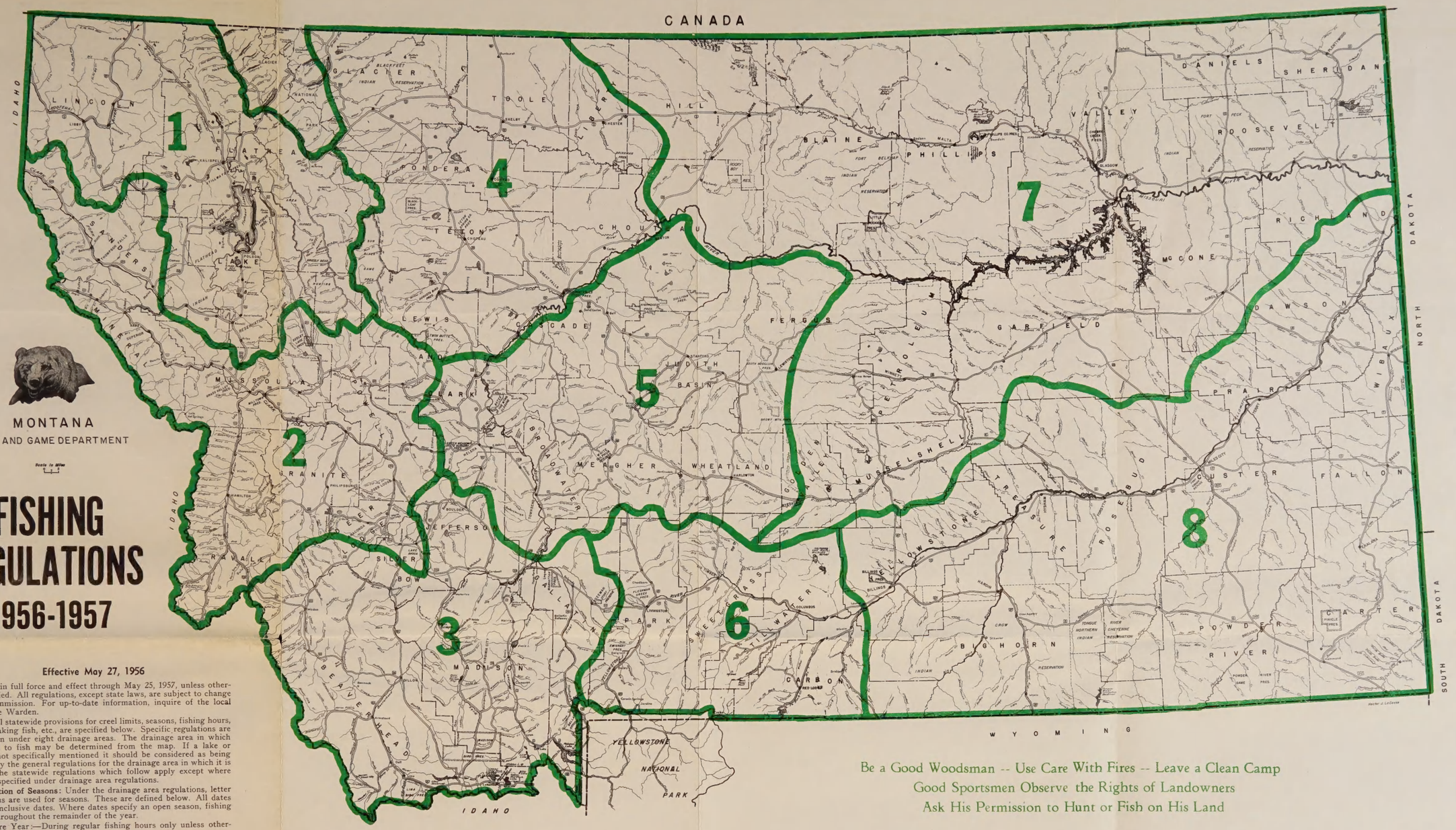

MONTANA
FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

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FISHING REGULATIONS 1956-1957

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To be in full force and effect through May 25, 1957, unless otherwise specified. All regulations, except state laws, are subject to change by the Commission. For up-to-date information, inquire of the local State Game Warden.

General statewide provisions for creel limits, seasons, fishing hours, means of taking fish, etc., are specified below. Specific regulations are given herein under eight drainage areas. The drainage area in which you intend to fish may be determined from the map. If a lake or stream is not specifically mentioned it should be considered as being governed by the general regulations for the drainage area in which it is located. The statewide regulations which follow apply except where otherwise specified under drainage area regulations.

Definition of Seasons: Under the drainage area regulations, letter designations are used for seasons. These are defined below. All dates given are inclusive dates. Where dates specify an open season, fishing is closed throughout the remainder of the year.

Open Entire Year:—During regular fishing hours only unless otherwise specified.

Season A—Open the last Sunday in May to November 30 for all species.

Season B—Open the last Sunday in June to November 30 for all species.

Season C—In addition to the season specified under drainage area regulations for all species of fish, waters designated for Season C are open to the fishing of whitefish only, from December 1 to March 31.

Season D—In addition to the season specified under drainage area regulations for all species of fish, waters designated for Season D will be open to the snagging of kokanee (sockeye salmon) as follows: From October 1 to December 15 snagging of kokanee with a combination of three hooks shall be permitted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Mountain Standard Time, and the limit of kokanee shall be thirty-five (35) fish per day and not more than two (2) days' limit will be allowed in possession from waters hereinafter enumerated under drainage area regulations.

Season E—Waters so designated will be closed to fishing during the entire year to persons thirteen (13) years of age and over and will be open to persons twelve (12) years of age and under during Season A.

Special Seasons—Waters which require more specific regulations will be noted under this heading.

Hours of Fishing: Open from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Mountain Standard Time, in all waters unless otherwise specified.

Daily Bag and Possession Limits: One of each of the following seven bag and possession limits may be taken unless otherwise specified under drainage area regulations:

Limit Number 1. **Trout, char, and salmon:** The bag and possession limit shall be fifteen (15) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish. Not more then ten (10) rainbow and/or cutthroat trout may be included in this bag and possession limit.

Limit Number 2. **Grayling:** The bag and possession limit shall be five (5) fish.

Limit Number 3. **Whitefish:** The bag and possession limit shall be twenty (20) fish.

Limit No. 4. **Walleye pike and sauger:** The bag and possession limit shall be fifteen (15) fish not to exceed fifteen (15) pounds and one (1) fish.

Limit Number 5. **Northern pike:** The bag and possession limit shall be five (5) fish, not to exceed fifteen (15) pounds and one (1) fish, of which no northern pike shall be less than eighteen (18) inches in length.

Limit Number 6. **Bass:** The bag and possession limit shall be fifteen (15) pounds and one (1) fish.

Limit Number 7. **Non-game fish:** No limit. These may be taken in any quantity during the open season by angling, or with set lines in waters designated open to set line fishing.

FOR CLARITY, THE ABOVE BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS ARE REWORDED GRAPHICALLY AS FOLLOWS:

RAINBOW TROUT and CUTTHROAT TROUT	10 fish not to exceed 10 pounds and one fish.	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMIT NO. 1— 15 fish, not to exceed 10 pounds and one fish.
BROWN TROUT (loch leven) EASTERN BROOK TROUT DOLLY VARDEN TROUT (bull trout) GOLDEN TROUT LAKE TROUT (Mackinaw trout) KOKANEE (sockeye salmon) SILVER SALMON	15 fish not to exceed 10 pounds and one fish.	

In addition to the above limit, the following limits may be taken.

GRAYLING	DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT NO. 2—5 fish.
WHITEFISH (all species)	DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT No. 3—20 fish.
WALLEYE PIKE and SAUGER	DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT NO. 4—15 fish not to exceed 15 pounds and one fish.
NORTHERN PIKE (minimum size limit, 18 inches)	DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT NO. 5—5 fish not to exceed 15 pounds and one fish.
BASS (all species)	DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT No. 6—15 pounds and one fish.
NON-GAME FISH	DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT NO. 7—Any quantity may be taken during the open season. There is no limit on non-game fish.

SPECIAL NOTE CONCERNING BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT NO. 1—If a fisherman cannot distinguish rainbow and cutthroat trout from the other kinds of trout, char, and salmon, he should consider Bag and Possession Limit No. 1 to be 10 fish not to exceed 10 pounds and one fish.

These regulations shall apply to both fresh game fish and to game fish which have been frozen, dried, salted, or otherwise preserved, weight limits to be computed by dressed weight, with heads and tails intact.

Game Fish: All species of the family Salmonidae (chars, trout and salmon); all species of the family Thymallidae (grayling); all species of the family Coregonidae (whitefish); all species of the genus Stizostedion (sand pike or sauger, and walleye pike or yellow pike-perch); all species of the genus Esox (northern pike, pickerel and muskellunge); all species of the genus Micropterus (bass).

Warm Water Fish: (Game fish) Bass, walleye pike, sauger, and northern pike; (Non-game fish) Sunfish, yellow perch, crappie, catfish and bullheads.

Means of Taking: It is prohibited to use more than one line, or one pole with one line to the pole, with the exceptions as provided for set lines. Said single line or single pole with line shall be in hand or within immediate control. Set lines shall not be permitted unless specifically stated under drainage area regulations and no more than six (6) hooks per line allowed.

Fishing for (or hunting of) carp shall be allowed with a bow and arrow. The use of crossbows and mechanical bows shall be prohibited.

Snagging of fish is unlawful at all times except as provided for under kokanee fishing regulations (Season D).

Use or possession of minnow seines or traps, snares, or fish traps is unlawful unless specified under drainage regulations.

Bait: It shall be prohibited for any person to transport, possess, and/or use for fish bait any whole fish, dead or alive, except as hereinafter provided under drainage area regulations. All waters of the state shall be closed to fishing with carp and goldfish. (This regulation shall not apply to the use of sculpins (Cottus) for fish bait nor to the use of commercially canned fish.)

Sculpins (Cottus) may be used for bait in all waters in Montana. These may be taken with window screen or a piece of netting not to exceed four (4) feet in length.

Sale or possession of salmon eggs or imitations thereof shall be absolutely prohibited.

It shall be prohibited for any person to introduce any food or substance into the waters of this state that may concentrate or attract fish. (This does not prohibit angling for fish with legal lures and baits.)

Closed Waters: All waters operated by the Fish and Game Department and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as fish hatcheries, rearing ponds, and the fish culture stations within the state shall be closed to fishing at all times. Unless otherwise specified under drainage area, National Wildlife Refuges are closed to fishing.

Introduction and Transplanting of Fish: It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to transplant or introduce any fish or fish eggs into any body of water in the state without first having obtained authorization from the Fish and Game Commission.

Penalty for Violations: Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of any order, rule or regulations of the State Fish and Game Commission made pursuant to the authority given said Commission by any of the laws of Montana, particularly including Sections 26-101 to 26-1306, and all acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto shall, unless a different punishment is expressly provided by law for such violation, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars ($25.00), nor more than five hundred dollars ($500.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

DRAINAGE AREA NO. 1

Northwestern Montana

KOOTENAI RIVER AND FLATHEAD RIVER DRAINAGES

CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR: Flathead River Drainage—South Fork of the Flathead River from Highway No. 2 bridge to Hungry Horse Dam. Swan River from the hydroelectric plant to the old highway bridge and the north side of the Swan River from the Big Fork Dam to three hundred (300) feet below the dam. Herrig Creek, tributary of Little Bitterroot Lake. Smith Lake north of Whitefish Lake. Haskell Creek and tributaries from the Whitefish public water intake to its source. Big Creek, Coal Creek, Whale Creek, and their tributary streams. Trail Creek (Yakinikak) from where it comes out of the ground, approximately five (5) miles above the North Fork Road, to the North Fork of the Flathead River. The shoreline of the East Shore of Flathead Lake near the Polson (Station Creek) Fish Hatchery from Dr. Richard's northern property line to the Thometz Boat Dock on the south and extending three hundred (300) feet into the lake. Hell Roaring Creek, water supply for Polson, and its lakes from the outlet of the lower lake to its source. Crow Creek and its tributaries above the intake for the Ronan water supply to its source. Mission Creek, from Mission Lake to the St. Ignatius public water supply intake. South Fork of Jocko River and all its tributaries, including Crazy Fish Lake.

Kootenai River Drainage—Flower Creek and its artificial impoundments from the Power Dam to its source, excluding the natural lakes. O'Brien Creek from the intake of the city water supply for Troy to its source.

Open Entire Year: All lakes in the Kootenai River drainage. In the Flathead River drainage, excluding lakes where a season is specified elsewhere under this drainage, all lakes shall be open the entire year, except for three hundred (300) feet in any direction into the lakes from stream mouths (excluding seepage areas) which shall be closed from March 1 to the day preceding Season B opening date.

Flathead Lake is excluded from the three hundred (300) foot provision, and instead that portion of the lake two thousand (2,000) feet into the lake in every direction from where the Flathead and Swan Rivers enter the lake shall be closed each year from March 1 to the day preceding Season A opening date. In addition, an area of shoreline seven hundred fifty (750) feet along Crescent Bay near Rollins Bay and five hundred (500) feet of shoreline along the Somers Hatchery Bay as posted and extending three hundred (300) feet into the lake shall be closed to fishing during the kokanee (sockeye salmon) spawn taking operations from October 1 to December 15.

In addition the following waters will be open the entire year: Flathead River below Kerr Dam, Logan Creek above the fourth bridge, and the Kootenai River.

Season A: Lake Mary Ronan. Flathead River from the Blankenship bridge to Flathead Lake. Swan River below Swan Lake. Streams of Jocko River drainage below mouth of South Fork.

Season B: All streams and rivers unless otherwise specified.

Season C: Yaak River. Fisher River below Highway No. 2 bridge.

Season D: Flathead Lake, Swan Lake, Foy Lake, Whitefish Lake, the Flathead River from the mouth of the South Fork of the Flathead River to the old red bridge below Columbia Falls, and the Swan River from the Pacific Power and Light Company dam to the hydroelectric plant (excluding three hundred (300) feet on the north side of the river below the dam).

Season E: The Troy Rod and Gun Club's annual kids pond.

Special Seasons: Ashley (Big Ashley), Little Bitterroot, and Upper Dry Fork Reservoir open the second Sunday in June to November 30 except for three hundred (300) feet in any direction into the lakes from stream mouths which shall open the last Sunday in June. Ashley Lake also open December 1 to March 1.

Except as noted below, Ninepipe and Pablo Reservoirs shall be closed to fishing from March 1 to July 15 and shall also be closed to fishing during the migratory waterfowl hunting season and open throughout the remainder of the year. Fishing shall be allowed from the main dikes and for a distance of approximately one and one-half (1½) miles of shoreline on the north end of Ninepipe Reservoir, as posted by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, during the entire year, excepting the migratory waterfowl hunting season.

Rogers Lake and all its tributaries shall be open to fishing from December 1 to March 1 only.

Set Line Fishing: Kootenai River for ling only.

Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus).

Other: The minimum size of Dolly Varden (bull trout) which may be taken in Flathead Lake and its tributary drainages shall be eighteen (18) inches with head and tail left intact.

The daily limit of kokanee (sockeye salmon), except for Lake Mary Ronan, shall be thirty-five (35) fish during the entire year and two days' limit shall be allowed in possession.

The limit of cutthroat trout in the South Fork of the Flathead drainage above Hungry Horse dam, the Middle Fork of the Flathead drainage above Bear Creek and Ashley Lake shall be five (5) fish or ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

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DRAINAGE AREA NO. 2

West Central Montana

CLARK FORK RIVER DRAINAGE (Defined as the Clark Fork River drainage excluding the Flathead River drainage.)

Closed Entire Year: Hot Springs Creek and its tributaries from the Hot Springs public water supply intake to its source. Ashley Creek from the Thompson Falls public water supply intake to its source. Silver Creek and Packer Creek near Saltese.

Rattlesnake Creek and tributary streams from the Missoula water supply dam of the Montana Power Company to its source. Miller Creek near Missoula.

Fred Burr Lake, Philipsburg water supply. Flint Creek from the Skalkaho Road upstream approximately one (1) mile to the irrigation weirs as posted. Big Spring in Georgetown Lake in an area designated by piles or buoys for a distance of two hundred (200) feet north and south on the shoreline out into the lake. Basin Creek from the lower Butte water supply reservoir dam to its source, including all reservoirs and tributaries.

Open Entire Year: Clark Fork River below Milltown Dam. Smiley Slough and Rainbow (Dog) Lake in the Thompson Falls area. Brown's Lake and Upsata Lake in the Ovando area. Silver Lake near Anaconda. Rock Creek Lake near Deer Lodge. Lakes of the Thompson River drainage (along Highway No. 2) except for three hundred (300) feet in any direction into the lakes from stream mouths which shall be closed from March 1 to the day preceding Season B opening date.

Season A: All waters unless otherwise specified.

Season B: Rock Creek Meadow in Noxon area and tributaries of the Clark Fork River below Thompson Falls. Rock Creek in Bonita area from Clark Fork River to Skalkaho Road. In the Seeley Lake area, Cottonwood Lakes and streams of the Clearwater River drainage above Salmon Lake.

Season C: Thompson River from its mouth to Indian Creek. Bull River from Bonneville Power Line to the bridge on Ernie Snyder property. Fish Creek near Superior from two hundred (200) feet above the Healin Logging Company bridge (first bridge six (6) miles from the mouth of Fish Creek) to its mouth. Blackfoot River below Lincoln. West Fork below Alta, East Fork and main Bitterroot Rivers. Little Blackfoot River from where the highway bridge crosses at Elliston to its mouth. Rock Creek (east of Missoula) below Hogback Creek.

Season E: The waters as posted located on the Ray E. Meadows property near Thompson Falls. Thompson and Flat Creeks near Superior. Two Mile Pond near St. Regis. The fish ponds within Greenough Park in Missoula. Bell Creek from Harrison Avenue to the Butte Country Club property line.

Special Seasons: The water adjacent to Cabinet Gorge Reservoir between Highway No. 10A and the Bonneville Power line on Bull River and between landheads and the Northern Pacific Railroad on Pilgrim Creek and Elk Creek shall be open to fishing from the last Sunday in June to March 1.

Georgetown Lake and tributaries: Georgetown Lake, except as specified below shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 30 and closed to all fishing from March 2 to June 30. Fishing for all species of fish shall be allowed on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays from December 1 to March 1.

That portion of Georgetown Lake within a radius of three hundred (300) feet from the mouth of Flint Creek, Flint Creek above the lake, Stewart Mill Creek and Hartdla Creek shall be closed to fishing from July 1 to July 31 and shall be open during the remainder of the Georgetown Lake fishing season.

Set Line Fishing: None.

Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus).

Other: The bag and possession limit on eastern brook trout in Trask (Hidden) Lakes and Thompson (Goat) Lakes east of Deer Lodge, Fourmile Basin Lakes west of Anaconda, and Silver Lake south of Saltese shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

DRAINAGE AREA NO. 3

Southwestern Montana

JEFFERSON RIVER, MADISON RIVER AND GALLATIN RIVER DRAINAGES

CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR: Gallatin Drainage—That portion of Bozeman Creek (Sour Dough Creek) from the Settling Basin of the water supply for the city of Bozeman to its source, including all tributaries and Mystic Lake. Lyman Creek from the Bozeman water intake to its source.

Jefferson Drainage—Harrison Lake (Willow Creek Reservoir), except that portion of the lake known as the Norwegian Creek Arm. Willow Creek, inlet to Harrison Lake, from the lake to the weir approximately two hundred (200) feet above state spawning traps.

Madison Drainage—The Madison River from Hebgen Dam to Cabin Creek.

Beaverhead Drainage—Indian Creek and its tributaries from the Sheridan public water supply intake to its source. Elk Spring drainage below Elk Lake. All waters within the Red Rock Lakes Migratory Waterfowl Refuge except Odell Creek and Shambo Pond.

Open Entire Year: The Gallatin River below the Trident Bridge (County Bridge No. 5). The gravel pits at Three Forks.

Season A: All waters unless otherwise specified.

Season B: All streams tributary to Upper and Lower Red Rock Lakes, except at provided above, and the chain of Hidden, Goose, and Otter Lakes.

Season C: East, West and Main Gallatin Rivers, Ruby River below Ruby Dam. Madison River. Jefferson River. Big Hole River below Divide Dam. Beaverhead River. Red Rock River and Red Rock Creek except as provided above.

Season E: Camp Creek between the bridge at Amsterdam and the third bridge upstream, a distance of two (2) miles. Lott's Slough or drain ditch from its source to the old road crossing one (1) mile north of Twin Bridges, Spring Creek within the Ennis Hatchery grounds. Blacktail Creek from Highway No. 91 to the Beaverhead River. Little Boulder River from Whitetail Bridge to the first bridge above Crowley's Dam. Boomerang Creek Dam northwest of Boulder. Willow Creek Drainage Canal near Three Forks.

Special Seasons: The tributary streams above Hebgen Lake open from the last Sunday in May to September 30. That portion of Harrison Lake (Willow Creek Reservoir) known as Norwegian Creek Arm from the last Sunday in May to July 15, and the daily limit shall be five (5) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish. Meadow (Ennis) Lake and Ruby Reservoir during Season A and from January 1 to March 1 on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays only, the winter limit to be five (5) fish. The east arm of Cliff Lake shall be open during Season A and to the taking of fifty (50) whitefish from October 16 to December 15.

Set Line Fishing: None.

Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus).

Other: Fishing from or with the aid of boats or other floating craft or device is prohibited in the Madison River from Cabin Creek to the Ennis bridge.

DRAINAGE AREA NO. 4

North Central Montana

MARIAS RIVER, TETON RIVER, SUN RIVER, DEARBORN RIVER, ST. MARY RIVER AND UPPER MILK RIVER DRAINAGES (Defined as the Missouri River and all drainages from the north which enter the Missouri River between and including the Marias River and the Dearborn River, the St. Mary River drainage and the Milk River drainage in Glacier County.)

Closed Entire Year: Midvale Creek and the intake reservoir from the intake of the Glacier Park Hotel Company water supply to the Glacier Park Boundary. Freezout and Priest Lakes. Hannan Rearing Pond. Sun River from Gibson Dam and Diversion Dam to three hundred (300) feet below each dam. Inlet of main Nilan Reservoir to and including the small lake lying west of the reservoir, as posted, except as provided below:

Open Entire Year: Marias River below Tiber Dam, Pondera Coulee, Duck Lake near Babb, Upper and Lower Mission Lakes, Lower St. Mary's Lake, Bynum Reservoir, Aarod Reservoir, the Teton River below Highway No. 91, Tintinger Sloughs near Cascade, and Missouri River.

All farm pond reservoirs stocked with warm water fish open at all hours. The Missouri River below Marony Dam shall be open at all hours.

Season A: All waters unless otherwise specified.

Season B: Deep Creek, the inlet to Dog Gun Lake below the Blackfoot Reservation-Lewis and Clark Forest Boundary Line and a portion of Dog Gun Lake included within a radius of three hundred (300) feet of the mouth of said creek. The inlet canal to Lake Francis from the Kunkle drop to its mouth and a portion of Lake Francis included within a radius of three hundred (300) feet of the mouth of said canal.

Season C: Sun River from three hundred (300) feet below Diversion Dam to the Missouri River.

Season D: Inlet canal from Kunkle drop to Lake Francis, Lake Francis and the outlet stream for one-quarter (¼) mile below Lake Francis.

Season E: Spring Creek from the Milwaukee bridge to Bryan Corbett fence below Choteau. Elk Creek (South Fork of Sun River) from the bridge on Highway No. 20 east of Augusta to the bridge on Highway No. 33.

Special Seasons: Lower Two Medicine Lake during Season A and from December 1 to March 1. O'Haire Reservoir (near Sunburst) open from last Sunday in May to August 16 and from October 1 to November 30. Lake Francis except as provided above from the last Sunday in May to March 1. Split Rock Lake open from September 1 to April 30.

Pishkun Reservoir shall be closed to fishing during the migratory waterfowl hunting season and shall be open to shore fishing during the remainder of Season A, and the east pond shall be open to fishing from boats from July 1 to August 31, subject to change by order of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. That portion known as the "well" or inlet, including the inlet ditch below the well, shall be open to shore fishing from July 1 to November 30.

Willow Creek Reservoir (near Augusta) shall be open to fishing from July 1 to August 31 and from December 1 to March 1. The south shore of the small lake lying west of Nilan Reservoir on the A. B. Cobb, Jr., ranch shall be open to shore fishing only from the last Sunday in May to the last Sunday in July.

Set Line Fishing: Teton River below Highway No. 91, the Marias River below Tiber Dam, and Missouri River from Cascade Bridge to Black Eagle Dam and below Marony Dam at all hours.

Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus).

Other: None.

DRAINAGE AREA NO. 5

Central Montana

UPPER MISSOURI RIVER AND UPPER MUSSELSHELL RIVER DRAINAGES. (Defined as the Missouri River and all its drainages from Three Forks to but not including the Dearborn River, drainages tributary to the Missouri River from the south from the Dearborn to and including Armells Creek, and the Musselshell River drainage above and including Careless Creek.)

Closed Entire Year: Missouri River adjacent to Canyon Ferry Dam between the log boom and the upstream face of the dam and from the tailrace on the downstream face of the dam to three hundred (300) feet below, as posted by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation. The Missouri River within three hundred (300) feet below Toston Dam. That portion of Giant Springs at Great Falls enclosed or surrounded by the concrete walks and masonry work.

In the White Sulphur Springs area: Crater Lake; Supply Canal from the concrete drop to its confluence with Martinsdale Lake; Flagstaff Creek, tributaries to Holliday Lake; Holliday Lake; and Willow Creek and its tributaries from the White Sulphur Springs public water intake to its source.

East Fork Armells Creek from Highway No. 19 to its source.

Open Entire Year: Missouri River and its main stem impoundments. Lake Helena. All farm pond reservoirs. Dead Man's Basin Lake. Crystal Lake in the Lewistown area. Judith River below its confluence with Big Springs Creek. Ackley Lake.

Season A: All waters unless otherwise specified.

Season B: North Fork Musselshell River from Lake Harris (Durand Reservoir) to the falls.

Season C: Smith River below the North and South Forks.

Season E: Izaac Walton Kids Pond, Helena Valley.

Special Seasons: In addition to Season A, Lakes Sutherlin, Harris, Martinsdale, Kolar, and Lebo shall be open to fishing from January 1 to March 1.

Set Line Fishing: Missouri River from three hundred (300) feet below Canyon Ferry Dam to Holter Dam from December 1 to March 1 at all hours.

Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus).

Other: None.

DRAINAGE AREA NO. 6

South Central Montana

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER DRAINAGE. (Defined as the Yellowstone River drainage above and including Clark Fork River.)

Closed Entire Year: The first West Fork of Rock Creek (Red Lodge water supply) from the mouth of Washoe Creek to Rock Creek.

Open Entire Year: Yellowstone River, Lindsay Lakes, Bluewater Creek, Cooney Reservoir, and Clark Fork of the Yellowstone River in Carbon County during the regular fishing hours, except for the portion of the Clark Fork open to set line fishing which shall be open at all hours.

Season A: All waters unless otherwise specified.

Season C: Shields River below Wilsall.

Season D: Dailey Lake.

Season E: Ball's Pond.

Set Line Fishing: Clark Fork of the Yellowstone River from the bridge at Bridger to the Yellowstone River.

Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus).

Other: In lakes of the Beartooth Mountain area of Carbon and Stillwater Counties, and of that portion of Park County lying within the Clark Fork drainage (Cooke City area) except Cooney Reservoir, East Rosebud, West Rosebud, Emerald, Crater, and No Ketchum Lakes the bag and possession limit on all species of trout, char, and grayling shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

The bag and possession limit on eastern brook trout shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish in all of Drainage Area No. 6.

DRAINAGE AREA NO. 7

Northeastern Montana

LOWER MISSOURI RIVER, LOWER MUSSELSHELL RIVER, AND MILK RIVER DRAINAGES. (Defined as the Missouri River drainage below but excluding Armells Creek, the Missouri River and all drainages from the north which enter the Missouri River between the Marias River and Armells Creek, the Milk River drainage, and the Musselshell River drainage below and excluding Careless Creek.)

Closed Entire Year: Milk River within three hundred (300) feet below Fresno Dam and city water supply intake as posted. That portion of the Missouri River between the outlet tunnels and the channel marker below the concrete apron of Fort Peck Dam and that portion of the discharge channel of the spillway structure, Fort Peck Dam and Reservoir project, between the terminal concrete apron and the installed cable markers. Wind Creek, excluding Ross Reservoir, from Clear Creek road crossing to its source.

Open Entire Year: All waters except as specified elsewhere shall be open at all hours to the fishing of warm water fish, and Fort Peck Reservoir and Fresno Lake shall be open for all species. Patrolia Reservoir during the regular fishing hours for all species. Waters associated with the Fort Peck Dam and Reservoir project area are subject to closure by the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, as a safety or security measure.

Season A: All waters for the fishing of trout, except as specified elsewhere, during the regular fishing hours.

Special Seasons: Area above Fresno Dam as posted is closed April 15 to June 30. Black Coulee Reservoir and Hewitt Lake shall be open to fishing from July 16 to the opening of waterfowl hunting season each year. The Feeder Canal at Bowdoin Wildlife Refuge shall be open from July 16 to September 15. Such portions of the waters of Medicine Lake which shall be designated by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service shall be open to fishing from July 1 to September 15 and from November 15 to March 31.

Set Line Fishing: For all species of fish, Milk River below the east side of the Havre city limits, Missouri River (excluding the Fort Peck spillway channel), Fort Peck Reservoir, dredge cuts below Fort Peck Dam, Poplar River, and Musselshell River.

Minnow Seines and Traps, and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed, except not allowed in the Milk River drainage above Dodson Dam and the Musselshell drainage above the bridge at Mosby. Use is allowed from December 1 to April 30 in Fresno Reservoir and Milk River. Where use is allowed, minnows of non-game fish variety may be taken:

(1) With a seine not to exceed twelve (12) feet in length, three (3) feet in width, and one-quarter (¼) inch mesh; or

(2) With minnow traps not to exceed eighteen (18) inches in length and ten (10) inches in diameter.

DRAINAGE AREA NO. 8

Southeastern Montana

LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER AND LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER DRAINAGES. (Defined as the Yellowstone River drainage below and excluding the Clark Fork River and all other drainages in Montana southeast of the Yellowstone River.)

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All waters shall be open at all hours with the exception of Crisafulli, Johnson and Lamesteer Reservoirs and those waters in the Big Horn drainage.

In the Big Horn drainage the following waters shall be open the entire year: The Big Horn River, The Little Big Horn River below the Highway No. 87 bridge at the Francis Eggart Ranch, Willow Creek Reservoir, and for the fishing of warm water fishes only, all other reservoirs. Only the Big Horn River and reservoirs (with the exception of Willow Creek Reservoir) shall be open at all hours for the fishing of warm water fishes.

Season A: All waters in the Big Horn drainage not open or closed the entire year.

Special Seasons: Johnson Reservoir (near Lindsay) shall be open from first Sunday in June to April 30. Crisafulli Reservoir (near Glendive) shall be open from the last Sunday in June to March 31. Lamesteer Reservoir shall be open from the last Sunday in June through April 14, except for the migratory waterfowl hunting season.

Set Line Fishing: All rivers and creeks for all species of fish with the exception of the Big Horn River drainage and the Yellowstone River from the Intake Dam to the Ferry Cable near Glendive. Big Horn River below the canyon for non-game fish.

Minnow Seines and Traps, and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed with the exception of Gartside Lake, Lamesteer Reservoir and Crisafulli Reservoir. Minnow seines and traps where allowed shall conform to rules prescribed under Drainage Area No. 7.

Other: The bag and possession limit on eastern brook trout in Sage Creek (in Pryor Mountains) shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

Please note: The following streams on Tribal Lands in the Crow Indian Reservation are reserved by the Tribal Council for fishing by Indians only, and will be enforced by the Tribal Council. North Fork of Lodge Grass Creek, Black Canyon Creek, Bull Elk Creek and Devils Canyon Creek in their entirety; Lodge Grass Creek from the mouth of the Canyon to the Wyoming Line; Pryor Creek from headwaters to the Wilson Ranch Line Fence; Sage Creek from the first bridge below the Forest Service boundary to the Forest Service boundary; Dryhead Creek, the lower five miles; further described as being in grazing units Numbers 25, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65 and portions of units 24, 29, 32, and 33. Further information may be secured from the Department of Interior, Crow Indian Agency, Crow Agency, Montana.

NOTICE

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to transplant or introduce any fish or fish eggs into any body of water in the State, or it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to transplant or introduce any species of game birds or game animals into the State of Montana without first having obtained authorization from the Fish and Game Commission.

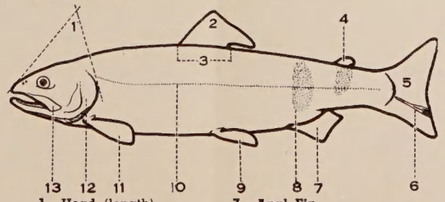
KEY FOR THE SEPARATION OF TROUT, SALMON, CHARS, AND WHITEFISH FROM THE OTHER FISHES FOUND IN MONTANA

How to Use the Key

The use of the key is largely a process of elimination. Beginning at "A", compare the specimen with the written description and proceed to the signified letter. In any case, there can be only one choice between "A" and "AA", "B" and "BB", etc. If the description does not compare with that given under "A" proceed to "AA", and continue comparing the specimen with the descriptions.

(EXAMPLE)—If the description matches with that given under "A", then proceed to "C" as indicated. If the description matches with "C", then proceed to "D" as indicated. If the description does not match "D", then proceed to "DD". If the description does not compare with "DD-1", proceed to "DD-2", and you will find that the specimen is a lake trout. If the description does not match with that given under "DD-2", then you have made a mistake and worked into a blind alley. Begin once more at "A" and go carefully through the key as previously described.

External Anatomy



1. Head (length)
2. Dorsal Fin
3. Dorsal Fin Base (length)
4. Adipose Fin
5. Caudal Fin (tail fin)
6. Fin Ray
7. Anal Fin
8. Parr Mark
9. Pelvic or Ventral Fin
10. Lateral Line
11. Pectoral Fin
12. Operculum
13. Maxillary (upper jaw)

KEY

All of the trout, salmon, chars, and whitefish have an adipose fin (stubby, fleshy fin usually without rays).

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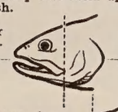
BAIT & LURE \ FISH	Rainbow L	Rainbow W	Cutthroat L	Cutthroat W	Eastern Brook L	Eastern Brook W	Brown Trout L	Brown Trout W	Grayling L	Grayling W	Dolly Varden L	Dolly Varden W	Whitefish L	Whitefish W	Lake Trout L	Lake Trout W	Kokanee (Sockeye) L	Kokanee (Sockeye) W	Pike L	Pike W	Catfish L	Catfish W	Silver Salmon L	Silver Salmon W	FISH / WATER
Wet Flys	L	W	L	W	L		L	W	L				L	W									L		Yellowstone
Dry Flys	L	W	L		L		L	W	L					W											Missouri
(Hooks 8-16)				W								W		W											Kootenai
				W								W													S.Fork of Flathead
		W		W		W		W						W											Gallatin
		W						W						W											Madison
Let the season and selection of flies dictate the type.		W						W						W											Jefferson
		W		W		W		W		W				W											Big Hole
(Inquire locally)		W						W						W											Beaverhead
																				W					Nelson Res.
Worms	L	W	L	W	L		L		L			W		W		L					L				Big Blackfoot
Maggots		W		W				W				W	L	W											Bitterroot
Scratchers	L		L	W	L		L		L			W	L	W											Upper Flathead
Grasshoppers	L	W	L		L		L		L				L	W										Boat Trip	Smith River
Daredevil Type	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W			L				L		L		L				L		Judith River
Spinner Type	L	W	L		L	W			L	W															Sun River
Plugs		W									L				L				L						Marias River
Flatfish Type	L		L		L		L	W			L				L				L				L		Musselshell
Cow Bells	L		L	W	L		L				L	W		W		L	W								Flathead Lake
Surface Plugs	•	W		W		W				W									L					W	Georgetown Lake
																				W		W			Fort Peck Lake
		W						W																	Hebgen Lake
																W									Whitefish Lake
		W		W		W								W											Rock Creek
		W		W		W								W											Thompson River
		W															W								Lake Francis
		W						W																	Big Spring Creek

Instructions

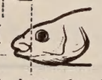
To locate a fish in a particular water, read down the W column and then to the right to locate the specific drainages. To find lures and baits recommended for this fish, read down the L column and then to the left to locate a specific lure or bait. To determine what fish would be found in a particular water, locate the specific water and read to the left, stopping at each W to find the fish most likely to be caught in that water. Conditions described above apply to nearby streams not listed.

This character alone will separate them from other Montana fishes, except the catfishes. Catfish bear whiskers (barbels), around the chin and mouth region, a character which immediately sets them apart from trout, salmon, chars, and whitefish.

A. Jaw long, upper jaw extends beyond eye ..... C.



AA. Jaw short, upper jaw does not extend beyond eye ..... B.



B. Base of dorsal fin much shorter than head ..... Whitefish

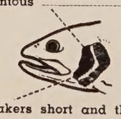
BB. Base of dorsal fin as long or longer than head ..... Grayling

C. Anal fin with less than 13 principal rays ..... D.

Ray

CC. Anal fin with more than 13 principal rays

CC-1. Gill rakers long and filamentous ..... Kokanee (Sockeye)



Gill Filaments

CC-2. Gill rakers short and thick ..... Silver Salmon

D. Body spotted with black ..... E.

DD. Body without black spots

DD-1. Tail weakly forked, or not forked; body spotted with red, orange, or pink.

(a) Back covered with greenish mottlings or vermiculations, (worm tracked) ..... Eastern Brook Trout

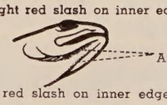
(b) Back not covered with greenish mottlings ..... Dolly Varden

DD-2. Tail strongly forked, body spotted or mottled with gray ..... Lake Trout

E. Sides of body without red, orange or pinkish spots; black spots sharp and strongly developed on tail fin ..... F.

EE. Sides of body with red, orange, or pinkish spots; black spots splotch, and not well developed on tail fin ..... Brown Trout

F. No bright red slash on inner edge of lower jaw ..... G.



Area of red slash

FF. Bright red slash on inner edge of jaw ..... Cutthroat

NOTE—Since there is considerable crossing between the rainbow and cutthroat trout, some individuals may bear characteristics of both species. It is, therefore, often difficult to determine accurately if a specimen is a true cutthroat, rainbow, or a hybrid of the two species.

G. Body, head, and fins black spotted, no parr marks on adults; usually a broad orange or red band running lengthwise on either side; underparts not deep orange-red. NOTE: (In some waters, particularly deep lakes, the body sides may be silvery.) Rainbow Trout

GG. Black spots confined mostly to tail region; parr marks remain in adults; red band running lengthwise on either side; underparts deep orange-red in adults. Golden Trout

IT IS UNLAWFUL

To refuse to show license on demand.

To use more than single pole and/or single line.

To sell or offer for sale any game or game fish.

To transport or ship game or game fish out of the State without a shipping permit.

To empty a minnow bucket (release live fish) into any body of water.

To use or have in possession salmon eggs or salmon spawn or any imitations thereof.

To use set-lines except in such water as designated under proper order of the State Fish and Game Commission.

To use or have in possession a fish spear.

To shoot fish with rifle, gun, or bow and arrow, except that carp may be shot with bow and arrow.

To use any carbide, lime, giant powder, dynamite, or other explosive compounds, or any corosive or narcotic poison or to have any of same in one's possession within one hundred (100) feet of any stream where fish are found, for the purpose of stunning or killing fish.

To loan or transfer your fishing or hunting license or any tags from said license to any person.

FISHERMEN NOTICE!

Fishing cannot be greatly improved until the Fish and Game Commission has more information available. One of the greatest needs is catch data. Sportsmen interested in cooperating to improve fishing are requested to mail a card to the Helena Office asking for a Fisherman's Log in which they may enter their catch records. Please do not make this request out of curiosity, but only if you are truly interested in cooperating by keeping an account of your catch records.

TYPES OF LICENSES AND FEES

Resident Bird and Fish License (Class A)	$ 3.00
Resident Big Game (Must be holder of Class A license)	3.00
Non-resident Seasonal Fishing License	10.00
Non-resident 6-Day Limited Fishing	3.00
Non-Resident Bird	25.00
Non-Resident Big Game, Birds and Fishing	100.00
Non-Resident Deer (Special Areas)	20.00
Non-Resident Antelope (Special Areas)	20.00
Trapper's License (Must be holder of Class A license)	10.00
Land Owner's Trapping License	1.00
Resident Fur Dealer's License	10.00
Non-Resident Fur Dealer's License	50.00
Fur Dealer's Agent's License	10.00
Taxidermist's License	15.00
Outfitter's and Guide's License	10.00

The holder of a Resident or Non-Resident Big Game License is entitled to take one deer, one elk, one antelope, one bear, and one goat, during the open season thereon. (Goat hunting in special areas only.)

All aliens may purchase non-resident licenses. Shipping Permits ..... $ .60

Shipping permits may be obtained from license dealer agents or from the Montana Fish and Game Department, Helena, Montana. Non-residents may not obtain shipping permits to ship fish out of the state. Shipping permits for non-residents are attached to the license. One shipping permit is attached to non-resident big game licenses. Non-residents making more than one shipment will need to obtain shipping permits to ship big game.